

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5-28 are pending in the subject application prior to entry of this Amendment. Of those claims, claims 11-17 and 22-28 are allowed. Claims 5-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ferranti (US 5,385,183). Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hickman (US 5,499,724). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the at least one crimp die pin is movably mounted to the holder and biased by a spring in a home position. Accordingly, claim 28 is canceled. Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Ferranti or obvious in view of the art of record. The Examiner also acknowledged at page 4 of the outstanding Office Action that prior claim 28, which directly depended from claim 1, was allowable. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 3 and 5-10 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1.

Claims 11-17 are allowed.

Claim 18 is amended to clarify applicant's claimed invention. Claim 18 claims that at least one crimp die is positioned on at least one die pin. Hickman does not disclose or suggest a

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die storing and organizing system as claimed in claim 18 wherein at least one crimp die is positioned on at least one die pin. The features of independent claim 18 are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Nor is there any reason to modify this art in an attempt to arrive at this claimed subject matter. Therefore, claim 18 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 19-21 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 18.

Claims 22-27 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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